

The First Generation of Lances Born in Indiana

Olley Lathom Lance (1816-1894)

Olley Lathom Lance was born in 1816 in the town of Francisco in Gibson County, Indiana. He was the only child of **John** and Sarah (Lathom) Lance. His mother passed away during or shortly after his birth. He was then raised in Gibson County by his father and his step-mother, 'Nelly'.

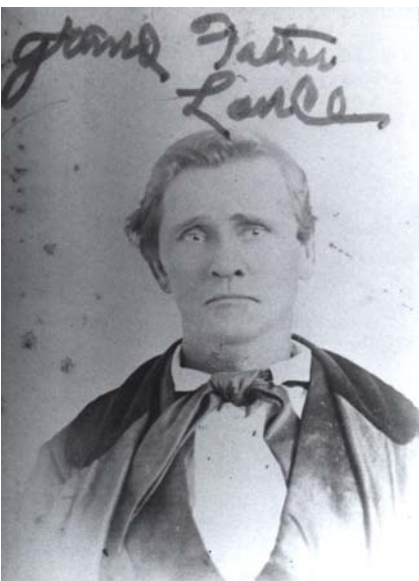
On September 30, 1838, Olley married Joanna Adams in Gibson County. She was born on April 3, 1818 in Gibson County. They were the parents of 6 children – **Mary J.**, **John Wesley**, **Nancy Ann**, **Sarah Ellen**, **Joseph N.**, and **Oliver Pinkney Lance**.

The 1840 Indiana census indicates Olley Lance was 20-29 years old and farming in White River Township in Gibson County with his 20-29 year old wife.

On November 28, 1850, Olley was a 34 year old farmer living in Columbia Township in Gibson County. He was farming with his 33 year old wife, 'Joanah', and their 5 children – Mary J., John W., Nancy A., Sarah E., and Joseph W. Lance. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 136, family #146) also indicates Olley reported Indiana as his place of birth and their real estate was valued at \$800.

"And to my grandson Olley Lance, I will and bequeath the sum of three hundred and seventy dollars....And I give to my grandson Olley Lance my clock"....(source: 1852 last Will and Testament of his maternal grandfather, William Lathom). "In the settlement document, Olley Lance was given a clock appraised at \$10.00. He was also given a sum of money. The amount has been damaged probably by water."....(source: William Noble Lathom, via letter to Michael Lester Lance of Spring, Texas, 29 Apr 2002).

Olley Lathom Lance



On September 10, 1860, 'Olly' was a 44 year old farmer still living in Columbia Township. He was farming with: his 42 year old wife, Joanna; their 6 children; and farmhand, Thomas D. Midkiff (the future husband of Olley's younger half-sister, Nancy Lance).

On June 16, 1870, Olley 54 years old and still farming in Columbia Township with: his 52 year old wife, 'Joannie'; their daughter, Mary J. (Lance) Witherspoon; their youngest son, 'Pinkney' Lance; and two granddaughters - Violet and Ida

Witherspoon. The 1870 Indiana census (pg 35, house 279) also shows their real valued had increased to at \$4,080 and their personal property was worth \$1,200.

On June 12, 1880, 'Oley' was a 64 year old farmer living in Center Township in Gibson County. He was farming with his 63 year old wife, 'Joeann', and his 37 year old niece, Elizabeth Adams. Nineteen year old farm worker, Thomas 'Ranney' was also enumerated with the Lance household. The 1880 Indiana census (ED 105, pg 27) also shows Olley reported Virginia (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of his father and Indiana as the birthplace of his mother (probably referring to his step-mother).

"Olley was a farmer who owned nearly 200 acres of land in and around the Meade Cemetery area that lies in the Northeast corner of Center Township, Gibson County, Indiana. As far as the family knows, there

Joanna (Adams) Lance



is nothing to show where the home of Olley and Joanna was situated, but there is a log cabin that was moved and is now located in the area between Prince and Gibson streets, near Emerson street, behind the old General Baptist Church in Princeton. Members of the James and Flora Aydelotte Harbison family have been told it was moved there by a Mr. Morrow from the Meade Cemetery area, and that their grandmother, Nancy Ann Lance Duke Aydelotte, was born in this cabin."...(source: June Harbison to Michael Lester Lance, Dec 1997).

On March 9, 1891, Olley's wife, Joanna, passed away at age 72 and on February 12, 1894, he passed away at about age 78.

Mary Ann Lance (ca. 1817-after1886)

Mary Ann Lance was born about 1817 in Gibson County, Indiana. She was the 1st child born to **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On September 12, 1838, she married Pennsylvania-born farmer Martin Harger in Gibson County. He was a son of John Harger Sr. and Margaret (aka Peggy) McCain. Mary and Martin were the parents of 7 children – Andrew, Jasper A., Ellenor, John, Harvey, George, and Lydia A. Harger.

On September 28, 1850, Mary 'Harger' was 32 years old and living in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. She was living with her 35 year old husband, Martin Harger, and their 5 children – Andrew, Jasper, Elenor, John, and 'Harry' Harger. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 167, family #56) also indicates Mary reported Indiana as her place of birth and she could not read or write.

On June 2, 1860, Mary 'Harger' was a 41 year old widow still living in Monroe Township. She was living with her 5 children - Jasper, 'Elenor', Harvey, George, and Lydia Harger. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 7, family #49) also indicates: Mary again reported Indiana as her place of birth, she still could not read or write, her real estate was valued at \$200, and her personal property was worth \$500.

On December 26, 1861, Mary (Lance) Harger married her second husband, John W. Wire in Pike County. They did not have any children together.

On June 9, 1880, Mary 'Wise' (or Wire) was a 60 year old widow still managing her Monroe Township farm. She was farming with her 29 year old son, George Harger, and her 23 year old widowed daughter, Lydia A. (with her 1 year old daughter, Adaline Davis). The 1880 Indiana census (ED 173, pg 12) also indicates: Mary once again reported Indiana as her place of birth, she still could not write, she reported Pennsylvania (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of her father, and her mother's birthplace was recorded.

Mary Ann passed away sometime after 1886 in Pike County, Indiana.

Benjamin Lance (1820-1880)

Benjamin Lance was born in 1820 in Gibson County, Indiana. He was the 2nd child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 16, 1839, Benjamin Lance and Joanna Beatty obtained a marriage license in Pike County, Indiana. She was born on August 9, 1820 in Indiana and was a daughter of James and Mary Margaret (Slater) Beatty. They were united in matrimony the same day by Minister John Almon and became the parents of 12 children – **Sylvester J.**, **William H.**, **Sarah Jane**, **Mary**, **Thomas**, **Elisha Emery**, **Margaret E.**, **Joanna**, **Charlotte**, **Rebecca**, **Jonathan**, and **Mont Lance**.

On October 16, 1850, Benjamin was a 28 year old farmer living in Monroe Township in Pike County. He was farming with his 31 year old wife, 'Jane', and their 5 children - Sylvester, William, Sarah, Mary, and

Thomas Lance. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 187, family #203) also indicates Benjamin reported Indiana as his place of birth and their real estate was valued at \$500.

On June 8, 1860, Benjamin was 39 years old and still farming in Monroe Township with his 40 year old wife, 'JoAnn', and their 8 children - William, Jane, Mary, Thomas, 'Embree', Margaret E., Joann Jr., and 'Charlotte' Lance. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 18, family #131) also shows: Benjamin again reported Indiana as his place of birth, their real estate value had increased to \$1,200, and their personal property was worth \$1,000.

On July 25, 1870, Benjamin was 50 years old and still living in Monroe Township. He was living with his 50 year old wife, 'Joann', and their 6 children - 'Emery', Margaret, Mary, Joann, Charlotte, and Rebecca Lance. Benjamin was disabled and had suffered for many years from a severe hernia. He had difficulty walking and was unable to work his reportedly unproductive farmland. He was forced to hire farmhands to do the physical work he was unable to do because of his hernia.

The number of acres and value of his land during the following years was: 1862-1863, 176 acres (\$1,155); 1864-1867, 176 acres (\$1,320); 1868, 240 acres (\$1,446); 1869-1870, 246 acres (\$1,702); 1871, 240 acres (\$2,038); 1872, 177 acres (\$1,891); 1873, 122 acres (\$1,064); 1874, 89 acres (\$895); 1875-1879, 89 acres (\$919)....(source: pension claim 'Certificate of Property Assessments', State of Indiana, Pike County, William J. Bethell, Auditor, 25 Jun 1888).

Benjamin's farm apparently did not sufficiently support his family. Prior to his death, he was forced to apply for a government pension based on the Civil War military service of his late son, William Lance. Since William did not survive the war, he was not available to assist his father with the farm.

Later in his life, Benjamin began to give his farmland away to his married children. On February 15, 1880, he passed away at age 59 and by 1884, his widow, Joanna, was left destitute without any property.

On June 14, 1880, Benjamin was recorded as a 59 year old farmer on the Indiana census for Monroe Township. His 60 year old widowed wife, Joannah, and their 2 daughters - Charlotte and Rebecca Lance, were also enumerated with the household (note: Benjamin's line on the census page was scratched through indicating he had recently passed away). The 1880 Indiana census (ED 173, pg 21) also shows: Benjamin (or more likely, his widow) reported Pennsylvania (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of his father, and his mother's birthplace was not listed.

"Benjamin and Joanna (Beatty) Lance were natives of Pike county and passed their entire lives within its borders, engaged in farming. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Sylvester, Emory, William, Jane, who is Mrs. Rutter, Mont, Jonathan and Lottie."....(source: biographical sketch in 'History of Gibson County, Indiana', page 648, by Gilbert R. Stormont, published by B. F. Bowen & Co., Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, 1914).

Benjamin's Blackfoot Cemetery mention in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records, Monroe Township', page 34, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1979....states: "Lance, Benjamin, 2-15-1880 - 59 yr 2 mo 5 da".

"I herby Certify that I was the family Physican of Benjamin Lance the Husband of Joann Lance at that time of Death and had been from the year 1860 and from Personal knowledge know that he had Sch.....? Hernia or rapture all of that period of time which rendered him unable to perform manel Laber of any Sort and Know that he died from the effects of Said disease resulting in Peralising which cause his death and I have been in a Position to Know the above facts all of time and furter Say that Said Joann Lance is the widow of said Benjamin Lance desc'd."....(source: 'Physician's Affidavit' by Thomas Ferguson, M.D., Spurgeon, Pike County, Indiana, witnessing official - Henry Shoulders, Notary Public, 13 Aug 1888).

Finas Euen Lance Sr. (ca. 1825-1872)

Finas Euen Lance was born about 1825 in Gibson County, Indiana. He was the 3rd child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

An April 17, 1845 Warrick County, Indiana marriage record unites a Ewing Lance with Betsy Cutright. It is not clear if Betsy Cutright was, in fact, Finas' wife, Elizabeth Leet. Elizabeth was reportedly a daughter of Abraham Leet. She and Finas were the parents of 5 children – **George, Martha, Mary, Benjamin Franklin,** and **Finas Euen Lance Jr.**

On October 1, 1850, Finas was a 25 year old farmer living in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana with his 22 year old wife, Elizabeth, and their 3 children – George, 'Marthess', and Mary Lance. They were all lodging with his parents - John and Ellenor Lance. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 169, family #72) also indicates: Finas reported Indiana as his place of birth, he could not read or write, and he reported Kentucky as the birthplace of his parents. Finas' married 21 year old brother, Simeon Lance and family, was farming next door.

Elizabeth passed away in the latter part of 1859 or early 1860 at about age 31. On May 26, 1860, Finas married his 2nd wife, Lydia Murphy. She was born on March 2, 1844 in the town of Rising Sun in Ohio County, Indiana. Their marriage record listed John as being 50 years old (instead of about 35 years old). "This certifies that I joined in marriage as husband and wife Ewen F. Lance and Lydia Murphy on the 12th day of April, 1860....Jacob Houghland, M.G.....State of Indiana, Warrick County....I, W. J. Hargrave, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the said State hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of the Marriage certificate of Ewen F. Lance and Lydia Murphy as the same appears of record in this office now remaining....Witness the clerk and the seal of the said Court this 15th day of July, 1890....W. J. Hargrave, Clerk.". Finas and Lydia were the parents of one child, **Abraham Lincoln Lance**.

On September 27, 1864, Finas would have been about 39 years old when he received a draft summons from the 1st Congressional District to serve with the Union Army during the Civil War. On December 8, 1864, he reported to Captain Johnson in Evansville, Indiana to sign up for 1 year. On December 19, 1864, Finas was present in Indianapolis, Indiana to be mustered-in as a Private with Company F, 12th Regiment, Indiana Infantry Volunteers. "Ewing Lance, Co. F, 12 Reg't Ind. Inf., age 44 [sic], height 5 feet, 9 inches, complexion dark, eyes grey, hair black, place of birth Indiana, occupation farmer, was drafted Sept. 27, 1864, held to service Oct. 31, 1864. Mustered out July 17, 1865 as of Co. E, 59 Ind. Inf. to which transfd. From acceptance to m/out, he held the rank of Pvt. and the rolls on file for that period show him present except as follows: MOR of Co. F 12 Ind Inf dated June 8/65, only roll of that Co. on which borne, assigned to Indiana Oct for transfer to a Regtl organ."....(source: 'Service and Soldier's Personal Description' document included in his widow's pension file from the Military Secretary's Office of the War Department, 30 Sep 1904".

In June 1865, the 59th Regiment, Indiana Infantry marched from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia. It then moved up through the Carolinas to Raleigh where it rested awhile before marching on to Washington, DC. for the Grand Review. The regiment was then transferred to Louisville, Kentucky from where it was mustered-out on July 17, 1865.

"The proper name of said soldier was, it seems, [was] Finis Ewing Lance; but I never heard him called any name but Ewing, as that was the one he was always called, and I never had seen his name written properly before."....(source: W. W. Slaughter, M.D., 'Physician's Affidavit' in pension file of his widow, Lydia Jones, Newburgh, Indiana, 29 Mar 1895).

On a July 30, 1917 'Declaration for Remarried Widow's Pension' application, Lydia declared she was married to Finas Lance on April 12, 1861 (instead of April 12, 1860 or May 26, 1860) by Reverend Hogland.

"I was well acquainted [with] Finas E. Lance when he went into the Army, was in the same Company & Reg. with him, wrote all of his letters home and read all he received for him. I know he complained and was sick at Louisville, Ky when in camp there, for about one month untill he come home."....(source:

'Affidavit' by William M. Leach of Newburgh, Warrick County, Indiana, from the pension claim file of his widow, Lydia Murphy/Lance/Jones, 25 Sep 1891).

Finas "was discharged July 17, 1865, as of Co. E, 59 Indiana Vol. Inf. to which transferred."..(source: pension file document prepared by Military Secretary, B. F. Ware, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., 19 Sep 1904).

On June 3, 1870, 'F. E.' Lance was a 50 year old (instead of about 45) coal miner living in Ohio Township in Warrick County, Indiana. He was living with: his 27 year old 2nd wife, Lydia; their 8 year old

son, Abraham L. Lance; and F. E.'s 2 older sons from his previous marriage - 'Benji' and Finas E. Lance Jr. The 1870 Indiana census (pg 6, family #48) also shows 'F. E.' still could not read or write and he again reported Indiana as his place of birth (note: several of Finas Euen Lance Sr.'s ages and dates conflict with each other). Finas has a badly weathered **military marker** on his grave at Sharon Cemetery in Newburgh, Indiana (photo at left). The inscription reads: "Uren Lance - Co. F - 12th Ind. Inf.". A Warrick County cemetery listing states: "Uren Lance, CO F 12 Ind Inf"....(source: USGenWeb Internet Website). "Boonville, Ind., August 5th, 1896....I hereby Certify that there is no Record of Finas E. Lance's death on Record



in the office of the Recorder of Warrick County, Indiana."....(source: Columbus M. Walker, Recorder of Warrick County, Indiana).

Simeon Lance Sr. (ca. 1829-died before 1872)

Simeon Lance was born about 1829 in Gibson County, Indiana. He was the 4th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On April 3, 1849, he and Elizabeth J. Beeler obtained a marriage license in Pike County, Indiana. They were united in matrimony the same day by Justice of the Peace, Mr. Davis. She was born about 1830 in Indiana. They became the parents of 4 children – **Allen**, **Elizabeth**, **John A.**, and **Simeon Jr.**

On October 1, 1850, Simeon was a 21 year old farmer living in Monroe Township in Pike County. He was farming with his 28 [sic] year old wife, Elizabeth. The 1850 Indiana census also indicates Simeon reported Indiana as his place of birth. His parents were farming on the adjacent property.

On August 6, 1860, Simeon was 28 years old and farming in Anderson Township in Warrick County, Indiana. He was farming with his 30 year old wife, Elizabeth, and their 4 children – Allen, John, Elizabeth, and Simeon Lance Jr. An unidentified 13 year old girl (unidentified because of a faded, nearly impossible to read census record) was also enumerated with the Lance household. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 133, family #979) also shows Simeon again reported Indiana as his place of birth and their personal property was worth \$50. Simeon has not yet been found on the 1870 census for Indiana.

Sarah Jane Lance **(ca. 1829-died after 1880)**

Sarah Jane Lance was born about 1829 in Gibson County, Indiana. She was the 5th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 1, 1850, Sarah was 21 years old and living with her parents and 6 siblings in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 168, family #72) also indicates: Sarah was born in Indiana, she was enumerated as 'idiot', and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On June 6, 1860, Sarah Jane was 29 years old, unmarried, and still living with her parents and 2 younger sisters – Martha and Nancy Lance, in Monroe Township. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 6, family #46) again shows: Sarah was born in Indiana, she could not read or write, and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On August 6, 1870, Sarah was 40 years old and still living with her elderly parents in Monroe Township. The 1870 Indiana census (pg 43) again indicates Sarah was born in Kentucky (instead of Indiana) and her parents were also born in Kentucky.

On June 3, 1880, Sarah J. was 50 years old, unmarried, and living with her widowed 80 year old mother, 'Ellen Lance', in Monroe Township. The 1880 Indiana census (ED 173, pg 6) also shows: Sarah was born in Indiana, she was enumerated as 'idiotic', she still could not read or write, her father was born in Pennsylvania (instead of Kentucky), and her mother was born in Kentucky.

Sarah's mother passed away on November 9, 1885 in Pike County, Indiana. She has not been found yet on any subsequent documents.

Margaret Lance **(1831-1877)**

Margaret Lance was born in 1831 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 6th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On April 1, 1847, Margaret married Pennsylvania-born farmer John Harger in Pike County, Indiana. He was the son of John Harger Sr. and Margaret (aka Peggy) McCain. Margaret Lance and John Harger became the parents of 14 children – Mary Ellen, Nelson Emery, Minerva Jane, Charles, Sarah, Alfred, George, James, John, Lucy, Henry, Grant, Homer, and Luther Harger.

On September 11, 1850, Margaret 'Harger' was 18 years old and living in Boon Township in Warrick County, Indiana. She was living with her 26 year old husband, John Harger. The 1850 Indiana census also indicates their real estate was valued at \$240.

On September 6, 1860, 'Mary Ann Harger' was 34 years old (sic) and still living in Boon Township with her 37 year old husband, John Harger, and their 8 children – Mary, Nelson, Minerva, Charles, Sarah, Alfred, George and James Harger (note: it is not clear why Margaret was enumerated as 'Mary Ann').

On December 27, 1877, Margaret passed away at age 46 years, 7 months, and 19 days in Warrick County.

"State of Indiana, County of Warrick: In the matter of the claim for Original Pension of John Harger, Father of Nelson E. Harger, Late of Co. D 143 Ind Vol; Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State, aforesaid, Lewis McCool and Ben McCool; person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows: 'That we were both present at the Death of Margret Harger the Mother of Nelson E. Harger and that she Died December 18th 1877; and they further say that they know that Nelson E. Harger was never married and that when he died he left no widow, child, or children at his death'; they futher declare that they have no interest in said claim, and are not concerned in its prosecution....Signatures: Lewis (his X mark) McCool - Ben (X) McCool"....(source: 'General Affidavit'

from the Military Pension file of her husband, John Harger, father of soldier Nelson Emery Harger, 22 Dec 1885).

Margaret's death date is also listed as 'December 28, 1877' on at least 2 other of her husband's pension claim file documents (dated 9 Dec 1885 and 13 Feb 1891).

George Lance **(ca. 1834-died after 1900)**

George Lance was born about 1834 in Gibson County, Indiana. He was the 7th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 1, 1850, George was a 16 year old laborer living with his parents and 6 siblings on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 168, family #72) also indicates George was born in Indiana and his parents were born in Kentucky.

On June 8, 1854, George Lance and Rachael Roberts obtained a marriage license in Pike County. She was born about 1839 in Kentucky. They were united in matrimony the following day by Minister William Sutherland. Their marriage return was filed in Pike County on July 26, 1854. George and Rachel became the parents of 6 children – **Samuel Elijah, Louvena, Rhoda, Lewis, Elvira, and Franklin Lance**.

On June 2, 1860, George was a 26 year old farmer still living in Monroe Township. He was farming with his 21 year old wife, Rachel, and their 1 month old son, Samuel Lance. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 7, family #47) also shows: George again reported Indiana as his place of birth, their real estate was valued at \$400, and their personal property was worth \$200.

On August 2, 1870, George was a 38 year old farmer still living in Monroe Township with his 30 year old wife, 'Rachele', and their 4 children – Samuel, 'Lovena', Rhoda, and 'Louis' Lance. The 1870 Indiana census also indicates George again reported Indiana as his place of birth. Rachel passed away in 1879.

On November 18, 1879, George Lance and Martha Ann Johnson were wed in Warrick County, Indiana. She was born about 1833 in Kentucky. They did not have any children.

On June 3, 1880, George was a 47 year old farmer still living in Monroe Township. He was farming with his 47 year old 2nd wife, Martha Ann, and George's 5 children from his previous marriage - Luvena, Rhoda, Lewis, Alvira, and Franklin Lance. George's 1st wife, Rachel 'Lance', was also recorded on the 1880 census (her line on the census page was scratched through - indicating she had recently passed away. Rachel was listed at 41 years old, unable to read or write, with Kentucky mentioned as the birthplace of her father, and Tennessee as the birthplace of her mother). The 1880 Indiana census (ED 173, pg 6) also shows: George once again reported Indiana as his place of birth, Pennsylvania (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of his father, and Kentucky again as the birthplace of his mother.

On December 1, 1889, George was 60 years old when he married his 3rd wife, Susannah Robinson, in Pike County, Indiana. They did not have any children.

On April 3, 1894, George Lance was a 57 year old farmer still living in Indiana when he and his 4th wife, 42 year old (Mrs.) Harriet Bryant obtained a Pike County marriage license. She was also living in Indiana and it was her 2nd marriage. She was a daughter of Shelton and Matilda E. (Bethel) Bryant and the ex-wife of Henry Bryant. George and Harriet were wed 2 days later at George's home by Justice of the Peace, Benjamin G. Cox. In September 1894, a few months after the wedding, the 'Boonville Standard' newspaper (in Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana) reported: "George vs. Harriet Lance, Lane Twp, divorce granted - abandonment."

After George's marriage to Almeda on March 28, 1895, the 'Boonville Standard' reported: "Uncle George, is convinced that man should not live alone. Last Thursday, accompanied by J. F. Cox, Justice of the Peace, he went to Boonville and captured his 5th wife. Uncle George, has been married 2 times, in last year."

In 1897, the 'Boonville Standard' reported: "Uncle George, says it is not good for man to live alone, so he made his 6th matrimonial venture, a few days ago." They also divorced.

On June 27, 1900, George was a 62 year old divorced farmer living in Lane Township in Warrick County. He was farming with his 24 year old son, Franklin Lance. The 1900 Indiana census also shows George was born in May of 1838 (instead of 1834). Several of George's reported ages conflict with each other.

Ruth Lance **(ca. 1837-died after 1900)**

Ruth Lance was born about 1837 in Indiana. She was the 8th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 1, 1850, Ruth was 13 years old and living with her parents and 6 siblings on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 168, family #72) also indicates Ruth was born in Indiana and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On July 27, 1854, Ruth married farmer Stephen Roberts in Pike County, Indiana. He was born about 1831 in Kentucky and was the son of Solomon and Matilda (Adams) Roberts. Ruth and Stephen were the parents of 5 children – Arminda, Mary E., Margaret, Charles M., and Malinda Roberts.

On June 2, 1860, Ruth 'Roberts' was 22 years old and living in Monroe Township in Pike County. She was farming with her 29 year old husband, Stephen Roberts, and their 2 young daughters – Arminda and Mary E. Roberts. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 8, family #58) also shows Ruth again reported Indiana as her place of birth she attended school [sic] during the census year.

On March 23, 1873, Ruth married her 2nd husband, Charles Osborne. He was born in 1847 in England. They became the parents of 3 children – Mariah Elizabeth, Jane, and Noah E. Osborne.

On June 16, 1880, 47 year old Ruth 'Osborne' was 'keeping house' in Monroe Township. She was living with her 35 year old husband, farmer Charles Osborne; their 3 children – Mariah E., Jane, and Noah E. Osborne; and Ruth's 5 older children from her previous marriage – Arminda, Mary, Margaret, Charles M., and Malinda 'Roberts'. The 1880 Indiana census (ED 173, pg 24) also indicates: Ruth again reported Indiana as her place of birth, she could not write, she reported Pennsylvania (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of her father, and Tennessee (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of her mother.

In 1924, Ruth passed away at about age 87 in Gibson County, Indiana. She was buried at Meade Cemetery in Center Township, Gibson County.

Eleanor Lance **(1841-1863)**

Eleanor Lance was born on June 28, 1841 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 9th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 1, 1850, Eleanor was 9 years old and living with her parents and 6 siblings on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 168, family #72) also indicates Ellenor was born in Indiana and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On February 7, 1858, with the consent of her father, Eleanor married farmer Larkin Raney in Pike County. She was about 16 years old. Larkin was born in November 1837 in the town of Somerset in Pulaski County, Kentucky. He was a son of James and Millie (Roberts) Raney. Eleanor and Larkin were the parents of 3 children – Miline, Daniel Thomas, and William Raney.

On June 2, 1860, 'Elenor Rayney' was 18 years old and still living in Monroe Township in Pike County. She was farming with her 23 year old husband, Larkin 'Rayney', and their 11 month old daughter, Miline 'Rayney'. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 7, family #48) also shows 'Elenor' again reported Indiana as her place of birth.

On November 26, 1863, Eleanor passed away in Pike County at age 22 years, 4 months, 28 days. She was buried beside her parents at Log Creek Cemetery in the town of Stendal in Pike County, Indiana. Her cemetery listing in the book: 'Pike County, Indiana Cemetery Records - Lockhart Township', page 69, compiled by Joan Woodhull, 1978...states: "Rany, Ellen, 6-28-1841 - 11-26-1863 - wife of Larkin Rany".

Martha Lance **(ca. 1844- before 1880)**

Martha Lance was born about 1844 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 10th child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 1, 1850, 'Marthess' Lance was 6 years old and living with her parents and 6 siblings on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 168, family #72) also indicates Martha was born in Indiana and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On June 2, 1860, Martha was 16 years old and still living with her parents and 2 sisters – Sarah Jane and Nancy Lance, in Monroe Township. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 7, family #46) again shows Martha was born in Indiana and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On October 23, 1861 Martha Lance married Moses Ambrose in Pike County, Indiana. He was a son of Kentucky-born Thomas Ambrose. This marriage was not to last very long. They divorced on March 29, 1864 in Pike County after becoming the parents of 1 child, Isaac William Ambrose.

Martha was quick to re-marry in Pike County. On August 28, 1864, she married Larkin Raney, the former husband of her recently deceased sister, Eleanor Lance. Larkin was born in November 1837 in the town of Somerset in Pulaski County, Kentucky. He was a son of James and Millie (Roberts) Raney. They became the parents of 4 children – Alvin Jackson, Caroline, Newton, and John W. Raney.

On August 6, 1870, Martha 'Rainey' was 25 years old and still living in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. She was keeping house with: her 35 year old 2nd farmer husband, Larkin Rainey; their 3 children – Jackson, Caroline, and Newton 'Rainey'; and 2 children from Larkin's prior marriage to her sister, Eleanor Lance – Daniel and William 'Rainey'. The 1870 Indiana census (pg 43) also indicates Martha again reported Indiana as her place of birth.

On October 26, 1876, Martha married Obediah Stephens in Pike County, Indiana. He was born in September 1834 in Russell County, Kentucky. They were the parents of a daughter, Florence N. Stephens, born on July 25, 1879 in Pike County.

It is believed Martha passed away before June 1880 in Pike County.

Nancy Lance **(ca. 1846-1886)**

Nancy Lance was born about 1846 in Pike County, Indiana. She was the 11th and last born child of **John** and 'Nelly' (Lemasters) Lance.

On October 1, 1850, Nancy was 4 years old and living with her parents and 6 older siblings on the family farm in Monroe Township in Pike County, Indiana. The 1850 Indiana census (pg 168, family #72) also indicates Nancy was born in Indiana and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On June 2, 1860, Nancy was 14 years old and still living with her parents and 2 older sisters – Sarah Jane and Martha Lance, in Monroe Township. The 1860 Indiana census (pg 7, family #46) again shows Nancy was born in Indiana and her parents were born in Kentucky.

On January 29, 1865, Nancy Lance married Thomas D. Midkiff in Pike County, Indiana. He was born about 1838 in Kentucky. They became the parents of 1 child, John Midkiff. However, their marriage dissolved with a divorce on March 26, 1869.

Nancy was soon to re-marry. October 24, 1869, she and Lewis Cass Davis were united in matrimony in Pike County, Indiana. He was born about April 1850 in Pike County and was a son of David Jackson and Elinor Levina (Farris) Davis. Nancy and Lewis became the parents of the following 5 children - Louisa, Mary A., Eva A. Emma J., and Mary E. Davis.

On July 29, 1870, Nancy 'Davis' was 25 years old and still living in Monroe Township. She was 'keeping house' with: her 21 year old farm husband, 'Cass' Davis; their 1 month old daughter, Louisa Davis; and Nancy's son from her previous marriage, 3 year old John Midkiff. The 1870 Indiana census (pg 27) also shows Nancy again reported Indiana as her place of birth.

On June 3, 1880, Nancy 'Davis' was 30 years old and still 'keeping house' with her 32 year old farmer husband, Lewis Davis. They were working the Monroe Township farm of Nancy's 80 year old widowed mother, Eleanor Lance. Their 4 daughters - Mary, Eva, Emma, and Mary Davis, were also enumerated with the Lance household. The 1880 Indiana census (ED 173, pg 6) also indicates: Nancy once again reported Indiana as her place of birth, Pennsylvania (instead of Kentucky) as the birthplace of her father, and Kentucky as the birthplace of her mother.

On November 22, 1886, Nancy passed away at about age 40 in Pike County, Indiana.

End of the First Generation of Lances Born in Indiana